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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Franklin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Old Depot Museum	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Santa Fe Railroad Depot (preferred name)	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 135 West Tecumseh street			
CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa			
STATE Kansas	CODE 66067	COUNTY: Franklin	CODE 059

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Franklin County Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 145			
CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66067	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Franklin County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66067	CODE 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 			
STREET AND NUMBER: 			
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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Santa Fe railroad depot at Ottawa, Kansas, is a well-maintained, large rectangular two story building facing west onto the tracks. It is constructed of random ashlar masonry in the Vernacular style. The rough hewn stones give a rustic appearance to the structure. Red-painted, standing seam metal roofing covers the steeply pitched hip roof. Projecting gables occur at each end of the hip and are decoratively treated with a low arched recess the full width of the gable and a sunburst batten pattern. A stone chimney is placed in the east gable. Four small dormers emerge from the roof at the four corners. A broad flat-roofed porch surrounds the north, west and south sides of the building. The porch is supported by cast iron posts with ornamental corner brackets. Window openings for both floors are evenly spaced around the facades and are tall rectangles with double hung sash windows. A large single stone block spans the top of each window opening. The rough cut stone sills are generally one piece also and project slightly from the wall. The building rests on a base of massive smooth cut stones. All wood trim and metal work are painted black. Comparison of present and original photographs indicates that the exterior of the depot has not changed over the years. Some slight alterations have been made to the interior to adapt it for museum use.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Santa Fe railroad depot at Ottawa was erected in 1888 for use as a passenger station and division offices by the Southern Kansas railroad, a line which was being leased at the time by the Santa Fe railroad. Construction of the large two story stone structure began in April, 1888. Sone Pierson, a local stone mason, prepared and laid the stone which was quarried at Cambridge in south central Kansas. Original plans were to have the \$35,000 building completed by September 1, but work was not finished until January, 1889. The first floor housed the waiting rooms, ticket counter and freight facilities, and the second floor contained the division offices. Contemporary reports in local newspapers indicated that the railroad intended to add a hotel and Fred Harvey eating house to the depot in the future, but evidently these plans never materialized.

In 1899 the Southern Kansas railroad was purchased by the Santa Fe railroad, and the depot continued to serve Santa Fe passengers until 1962 when a new railway station was built. Members of the Franklin County Historical Society petitioned the railroad to donate the old building to their organization for use as a museum, and that was done on December 6, 1962. The building was officially dedicated as a museum and opened to the public July 4, 1963.

The old Santa Fe depot at Ottawa is the best remaining example of two story railroad depot architecture in Kansas. In addition to being an excellent example of Vernacular architecture, the depot is of local importance for its 75 years of service as a commercial and transportation facility in Ottawa.

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9. Ottawa Weekly Republican, March 15, April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 1888;
January 3, 1889.
Reflections of Franklin County and Chautaugua Days (Ottawa, Kan.,
Franklin County Historical Society, 1961), p. 12.
Topeka Capital, September 11, 1888.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Corwin, E. H., Souvenir Views Ottawa, Kansas (Columbus, Ohio, Ward Bros., 1889).

"Franklin County Historical Society Improves Museum," Wellsville Globe, September 22, 1966.

"Historical Society Gets Deed to Railroad Depot," Ottawa Herald, December 6, 1962.

"Historic Old Depot to Open July 4," Ottawa Herald, July 2, 1963.

"History in Its Home," Pittsburg Sun, December 15, 1962.

"The Old Depot Is 'The Old Depot Museum,'" Ottawa Herald, March 18, 1963.

Ottawa Journal, January 3, 1889.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

One acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Kansas State Historical Society	DATE June 30, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth street	
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka	STATE Kansas 66612 CODE 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas
State Historical Society

Date July 5, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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